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"In a speech made by His Excellency, the Governor General, at the dinner lately given by the Montreal Militia, in his honor, he is reported to have said: 'All the appointments and arrangements (connected with the "Militia) had been carefully canvassed and deliberated upon, BETWEEN HIMSELF AND COLONEL DE ROTTENBURG ALONE; and they had allowed no question of politics to sway them in a single instance. He (the Colonel) knew not politics in the discharge of his duty; and he would say further, it had been his own determination to keep the Force free from politics, altogether. And this is not always easy to be done.'

My attention having been lately called to the above *startling* paragraph, in a Canadian Journal, as having formed part of a late speech by Sir Edmund Head, I have felt impelled, in justice to myself and the cause of truth generally, to give publicity to four letters, connected with my having been a Candidate for the office of *Inspecting Field Officer of Militia*, and my failure having forced me to bid a reluctant farewell to Canada; and to add thereto a few observations introductory to a long list of documents which will be found to follow, as not only bearing strong testimony to considerable general services rendered by me to the country, and to my being tolerably well qualified for the discharge of various public duties, *had I* been deemed worthy of reward, but also proving, from reliable *antecedents*, my peculiar fitness for the *particular* office in question, and at the same time showing how little the words put into the mouth of the Governor General are in the instance referred to, borne out by facts. Add to which, it may be stated, without fear of contradiction, that far from appointments being made "free from political bias," the nominal list of officers will prove the very reverse; and, by consulting the official *Gazettes* since the late reorganization,

of that Force, it will be found that no great change has taken place, unless it be in *past services*, and *fitness for office* being little taken into consideration. This, however, I am far from attributing to the present Governor General or Colonel De Rottenburg personally, as intentional.— But facts are facts, whether resulting from *advisers*, accident, or design. It may also be proper to state that the whole of the documents enumerated are ready to be produced when necessary. Suffice it to add, at present, that far from my expatriation having arisen from sudden whim or caprice, as erroneously supposed by some friends, who are unacquainted with circumstances pointed at in these pages, it was a well considered step, adopted from dire necessity, my long continued devotion to the discharge of *unpaid* local public duties, coupled with my disinterested advocacy of various important objects for the benefit of the country generally, having gradually encroached so much upon my slender means, as, in the event of my remaining unemployed, rendered it *more than expedient*, that I should "hide my diminished head" where I should be less conspicuously known, and where, having no longer any thing to hope for, my long harrassed mind would be left more at ease. And hence, combined with pardonable feelings of indignation at finding myself so unworthily treated, am I now an *exile* in a *foreign* land, instead of occupying that respectable congenial position to which I had become justly entitled by twenty years unwearied *public* services and patriotic exertions in behalf of a *British* Colony, which had been the birth place of several of my children, and been fondly regarded by me as my own adopted country.

No. 1.

To His Excellency,

Sir E. W. Head, Bart.,
Governor General, &c., &c., &c.

MONTREAL, 26th March, 1856.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

Having observed in the Report of the Commissioners for the re-organization of the Militia, that two Inspecting Field Officers are to

form part of the improved system, and taking it for granted that old officers will be selected for that duty, I humbly trust that your Excellency will pardon my respectfully taking an early opportunity of offering myself as a Candidate for one of these offices.

To enable your Excellency to judge of the grounds on which I venture to address you, I beg to state that I have the satisfaction of being permitted to refer your Excellency, to General Rowan, and that I can readily appeal to many other individuals of high standing, in the Province; that I am an old British Officer; and that after 25 years service in the 17th Regiment, sinister circumstances, arising out of the simultaneous failure of my Bankers in London, and India, led to my emigrating as a retired officer, to this country, with a large family, in 1836, and to settle in the Western District, where I resided ten years, and successively occupied the prominent public position of Sheriff, Magistrate, Chairman of the Quarter Sessions and Colonel of Militia, and was actively engaged on that exposed Frontier, during the troubles of 1837-8; that finding the labors of Farming unsuited to my state of health, I was, in 1845, induced to come to Montreal, as conveniently situated for benefiting by the repeatedly expressed kind desire of the late Lord Metcalfe to serve me,—but, unfortunately, too late; and that though I had been honored with private introductions to Lord and Lady Cathcart, and his Lordship evinced a friendly disposition towards me, he had no opportunity of doing more than mentioning my name in favorable terms to his successor, the Earl of Elgin, during whose administration I was therefore more than once in hopes that my humble claims upon the country, would be found worthy of some consideration; but that owing, I presume, to conflicting political influences, I have unfortunately continued overlooked and unemployed to this hour, surrounded by a large family, depending on very slender means for support.

I trust I may also be permitted to add that I have the satisfaction of knowing that during my ten years sojourn in the West, I had the character of discharging my various public duties with exemplary zeal and integrity, and of identifying myself with whatever was conducive to the welfare of the country at large, and of my own District in particular,—as vouchsed by numerous Official and other Testimonials, which I am ready to submit to your Excellency, if desired.

As to my fitness for the duties of Inspecting Field Officer, I trust it will be sufficient to point to 25 years service as a British Officer—to my knowledge, from actual experience, as a Militia Colonel, of the defects in the present organization of that powerful engine, on which

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anust eventually depend the safety of this great British Colony; and to add that so keenly sensible have I felt of the urgent necessity of a change for the better, that I have more than once ventured to suggest various reforms in the Militia system, besides having, in 1847-8, been a Candidate for Office in the Department of the Adjutant General,—as vouch'd by various documents in my possession; and finally, that though advanced in years I proudly feel that I have still sufficient mental and bodily energy to be, if permitted, of considerable service to the noble land of my adoption.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's very humble
And Obedient Servant.

R. LACHLAN,

Late Major 17th Reg't

And Ex Col. 1st Essex Militia.

No. 2.

To His Excellency, Sir Edmund W. Head, Bart., Governor General, &c., &c., &c.

MONTRÉAL, 12th, May, 1856.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—
I take the liberty of enclosing, for your Excellency's information, copy of a farewell letter which I have this day addressed to Sir Allan McNab, as Head of the Executive Government.

Considering the well founded and urgent appeals which I had the honor of making to your Excellency direct, and the various Testimonials which accompanied them, and also the ample personal and Documentary knowledge which Sir Allan McNab possessed of my antecedents, as well as of the patriotic services which I had rendered to the country, I conceived I had just reason to hope that my strong though humble claims to consideration would have in some degree been *favorably* appreciated by the government;—but I have been wofully disappointed. I am willing, notwithstanding, to make allowances for your Excellency as a stranger in the land, occupying the anomalous position in which a Governor General is placed in connection with what is *falsely* termed RESPONSIBLE Government. But it is hard to be thus driven to quit the country of my adoption, and seek an asylum in a foreign State, rather than be subjected to the many mortifications incident to being conspicuously known as an old British Officer, and run the risk of being reduced by an ungrateful country to the same dilemma as the unfortunate

note old Roman Belisarius. The classical application of the reference I leave to your Excellency. With unabated good wishes towards Canada, and much personal respect for your Excellency, I have the honor to remain Your Excellency's very Obedient Servant,

R. LACHLAN,

Late Major 17th Reg't

And Ex Col. 1st Essex Militia.

No. 3. Sir

To Major Lachlan, Montreal.

QUEBEC, 11th APRIL, 1855.

DEAR SIR: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 31st. ultimo, and the 3d. inst. Your official application for the office of Inspecting Field Officer of Militia, I shall have great pleasure in submitting to His Excellency, the Governor General, by whom I am confident, it will receive the consideration due to your experience and rank, and your long service in her Majesty's Army. The circumstance of the resignation of your commission, as Colonel of Militia, is not before the present government, nor do I believe it will be adverted to, or have any influence, or bearing on your claim for the appointment above mentioned.

Any testimonials you may wish to present, to strengthen your application, that you may think proper to transmit to me, shall be appended to your letter, and duly brought under the notice of His Excellency, when it is his pleasure to receive the same.

Mean time, I am, Dear Sir,

Your Faithful Servant,

ALLAN N. McNAB, of

No. 4.

To the Honorable,

Sir Allan N. McNab, &c., &c., &c.

MONTRÉAL, 12th May, 1855.

Sir:—An obolus from you is all I have to thank for your

As I bid adieu to Canada to-morrow, I consider it but right that

you should enjoy the full credit of being the cause of my expatriation.

Yours,

It may be proper to remind the general reader that allusion is here made to the celebrated old Roman General Belisarius,—of whom it is related that after a long life of distinguished services to his ungrateful country, he fell a victim to false accusations, was reduced to penury, and actually forced to beg his bread,—saying, "Date obolum Belisario;" i. e. "Give a farthing to Belisarius."

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You are well aware, from personal knowledge of me, as well as from various documents submitted to you, of my having done considerable service to the country, in very critical times,—during which I was as actively, though, from circumstances, not so prominently employed as yourself. You are also equally aware of my having, as a leading local magistrate and influential member of society, been indefatigable in the promotion of every object tending to advance the prosperity of what I was fondly led to regard as my *adopted* country. And yet, notwithstanding these well-founded claims to consideration, when I became a Candidate for an office in the gift of the Governor General, for which, from your personal knowledge of my antecedents, you knew me to be peculiarly fitted, and which the reduced state of my pecuniary circumstances rendered particularly desirable by me as the head of a family, you not only heartlessly refrained from doing an act of justice, which as an upright minister you were bound to have done, but you even stooped to pander to vile political party purposes, by bestowing the office so urgently solicited by me, on one, who, though a good old British Officer, had no special claims upon this country, that I can learn, except the merit of *residing in the City of Hamilton* and being thereby likely to influence a few votes in your favor.

I may hereafter be induced to lay before the public a short narrative of "the doings" during the *troublous times* to which I have above alluded, which may probably tend to show that while Colonel McNab, at the head of a considerable force, was content to be looking quietly on upon Navy Island, at a distance, and was destined to be reaping Laurels and Honors therefor,—I was more than once closely engaged with Rebels and "Patriots," at the risk of my life, and to the lasting injury of my private means,—and yet, fated to be so little rewarded, as, at last, to be forced to bid adieu to a country to which I had become much attached, independent of its having been the birthplace of several of my children, and to seek an obscure asylum in a foreign land,—where, having nothing to hope for or expect, I shall of course suffer no disappointments, and where I may, *at the least*, hope to be quite as much respected, without being subjected to the many mortifications incident to being conspicuously known as *an old British Officer*.

I am Sir, and in this brief note you will find

Your very Obedient Servant,

R. LACHLAN,
Late Major 17th Reg't
And Ex Col. 1st Essex Militia.

It now becomes necessary to add to the foregoing, that among the general claims to consideration on which I had relied, on former occasions, as well as indicative of my fitness for the particular office of Inspecting Field Officer of Militia, were:

1. And in few words, *Twenty-five years honorable service, as a British Officer.*

2. Twenty years' residence in Canada, with a large family to provide for, and during ten of these occupying a prominent position in the Western District, where I was well known as a stanchly loyal *British Whig*, and unswerving *practical Reformer*,—and as having from the day of my arrival taken a pride in identifying myself with every object tending to advance the prosperity of the land of my adoption, as exemplified, 1. In my having been in succession the direct founder of a District Agricultural and Horticultural Society, of an Emigration Association, and of a limited Literary and Philosophical Society; besides advocating in various other ways, the revision of the then utterly defective Militia system, the advancement of education, the adoption of a better course of Agriculture; improvements in the public roads, the introduction of a suitable class settlers, the establishment of free villages and village harbors, the drainage of vast tracts of land, &c. 2. In having shortly after, on being, unsolicited by me, appointed Sheriff of the Western District in 1837,—been in various ways actively engaged in assisting to counteract internal rebellion as well as foreign invasion,—in the first instance, as a humble volunteer, and subsequently, on all communication with the Seat of Government being cut off by the rebels, in filling the responsible office of chairman of an emergent Executive Committee of Magistrates at Amherstburg, entrusted with the regulation of all local matters connected with the defence of the country, embracing the organization of a Commissariat and barrack departments, so as to provide for the accommodation and subsistence of the Militia and volunteers who speedily came pouring in to our assistance. 3. In shortly afterwards, as acting Lieutenant Col. of Militia, personally superintending the capture of the noted Rebel Schooner *Ann*, and having in consequence to proceed to Toronto, to give

evidence against the redoubted Generals Theller, Sutherland, and others. 4. In being afterwards present, as a volunteer, with Col. Maitland's force on Point Pelee Island, assisting to dislodge the Rebel force therefrom. 5. When subsequently appointed Colonel of the 1st. Essex Militia, in being busily engaged in completing the organization of my Reg't, and being soon after called upon to take the command of four companies of it, which were suddenly ordered to be embodied for actual service. 7. In, as an active local magistrate, and more particularly as Chairman of the Quarter Sessions, earnestly devoting myself to the suppression and prevention rather than the punishment of crime,—the improvement of the interior of the District Jail, so as to favor the introduction of some degree of Prison Discipline, the amendment of the law of evidence in behalf of the poor Indians;—and the advocacy of reform in the public expenses, as well as in the appointment of efficient local magistrates, &c., &c.—all at the sacrifice of much time, labor, and expense, to the great and lasting injury of my private concerns as a practical farmer. And 8. In having, on the state of my health, arising from a severe accident, obliging me to relinquish an active agricultural life, been encouraged to take up my residence in Montreal in 1845, in the well founded expectation of being ere long appointed to some less laborious, yet congenial office, under the Government, instead of being doomed to remain ten years inactive and unnoticed, notwithstanding the occurrence of various opportunities for employing me advantageously in the public service, but more particularly in either the *Emigrant* department, or, still more congenially, in that of the Adjutant General of Militia. It being foreign to the usual habits and feelings of an old officer, I cannot, in justice to myself, refrain from here enlarging somewhat on circumstances connected with the former of these departments, as a subject in which I had for many years taken a deep interest. I therefore venture to add to what will be found briefly stated in the subjoined list of testimonials, that the first of the three letters numbered 24, 25, and 26, was addressed to the late Governor General, Lord Elgin, in timely warning of the certainty of a vastly increased influx of pauper emigrants from Ireland, at a time when the Government seemed al-

together unprepared for such an event, and suggesting various arrangements to meet the coming emergency, based on ten years attention to the subject in the Western District,—that the 2d. letter adverted to the astounding proposal about that time made to the British Minister, by a number of Irish noblemen and gentlemen, to transfer between one and two millions of the redundant population of that distressed country to Canada, at a cost to the British Gov't of from 7 to 9 millions sterling; and that the memorandum which accompanied it suggested a material remodeling of the Emigrant Agency and Land Granting Departments; and that the 3d. letter and its accompanying memorandum related solely to the more circumscribed sphere of my exertions in the Western District, while aiming at the introduction of a wholesome class of industrious *British* laborers, in preference to the rapidly increasing influx of runaway *negroes* of the worst description from the neighboring United States; but concluded with earnestly entreating that the whole question might be brought before a special commission—parliamentary or otherwise, before which I was willing to appear. Nothing however was done. And as regards myself, near ten years of unwilling idleness had elapsed, when, as a final effort, I last year became a Canadate for the congenial office of Inspecting Field Officer of Militia, and (it is painful to add) as the father of a family, found myself even compelled, by my reduced circumstances, to make an urgent private appeal to the feelings of the Governor General. But all, alas, in vain!

Among the multitude of documents—for there are many more—bearing evidence of the truths stated in the foregoing letters and desultory statement, were the following numerous official communications, from Government Secretaries and other Public Functionaries, drafts of original letters, and other papers, pointing either directly or indirectly to my exertions in the public service, independent of various *anonymous* distinterested *published* writings in behalf of Education, Emigration, Agriculture, the Geological survey of the Province, and other important patriotic objects, and my being actively connected with the different Literary and Philosophical Societies in both Provinces.— The documents referring particularly, to my qualifications

for the office of Inspecting Field Officer of Militia, will be found distinguished by Italics.

1. Letter from Mr. Secretary Joseph, dated 11th. January, 1838, conveying to me the thanks of the Lieutenant Governor, (Sir Francis Bond Head, for the zeal and alacrity manifested by me during that disturbed period; repeated in a letter dated 11th. February, 1838.

2. Do, from Col. Foster, Commanding the Provincial Militia, dated 27th Jan. 1838, thanking me for my zealous exertions during the "Patriot Outbreak."

3. Do., dated 11th Feb. 1838, highly complimentary, addressed to me as Chairman of Emergent Executive Committee of Magistrates, on my reporting the spontaneous dissolution of that Board, on the arrival of regular troops under Col. Townsend.

4. *Letter to Lieutenant Governor Sir George Arthur, on the improvement of the then defective Militia system, dated 2nd Nov. 1838.* N. B. this follows the subject of repeated correspondence with Col. (now General) Wetherall in 1846-7 and 8,—and favorably regarded by that distinguished officer.

5. *Sketch of a plan for raising in Britain an active adjunct to the Sedentary Militia of Canada; submitted to the Lieut. governor 1st Dec. 1837; and of which a copy was afterwards forwarded to the Secretary at War, in London.* (See No. 10)

6. Letter from Mr. Sec. Macaulay, of 31st Jan., 1839, (on circumstances derogatory to an old officer having compelled me to tender my simultaneous resignation of the Sheriffship and Colonely of Militia,)—expressing the Lieut. Governor's regret at my having come to such a determination, and wishing me to recall it, and assuring me that the governor was quite satisfied that I had throughout been governed by a proper public spirit, and a steadfast desire to serve the Queen at a very critical period.

7. Letter from Mr. Sec. Harrison, dated 27th Sept., 1840, thanking me, by desire of the Lieut. Governor, for a letter suggesting improvements in the District Grammar School arrangements.

8, and 9. Two do., do., dated 23rd Oct., 1839, and,—1840, conveying Lieut. Governor's thanks for letters and interesting documents on the establishment of free villages, with assurances that they had engaged his very particular consideration.

10. Letter to the Right Honorable J. B. McAulay, Secretary at War, dated 1st May, 1840, transmitting copy of sketch of plan for raising an active Adjunct to the Sedentary Militia, as worthy of consideration, in connection with his proposal in the British Parliament for raising a Veteran Battalion for service in Canada: with reply, dated 24th July, 1840, *thanking me for the same.*

11. Letter from Assistant Secretary Hopkirk, dated 8th Feb., 1843, addressed to me as President Emigration Association, conveying to me

the Lieut. Governor's thanks for interesting documents connected therewith.

12. Letter from Mr. Sec. Harrison, dated 23rd Feb., 1841, conveying Governor's thanks for published proceedings at public meeting establishing W. D. Emigration Association.

13. do., do., do., dated 14th Jan., 1842, acknowledging with thanks receipt of an extended Report of the existing state of the Colored settlers in the W. District, prepared by desire of Government.

14. Do., from do., dated 8th Dec., 1842, simply acknowledging receipt of long letter addressed to the Governor General, (Sir Charles Bagot) on various matters vitally connected with the welfare and interests of the Western District,—His Excellency declining any correspondence with me on the subject, as considered of a political character.

15, and 16. Two letters from Mr. Sec. Higginson, dated 27th Dec., 1843, and 11th Jan., 1844, acknowledging, in the name of the Governor General (Sir Charles Metcalfe,) receipt of letters covering copy of the foregoing document, and referring to efforts lately made by me in correspondence, as well as at a late personal interview with the Governor General at Kingston, in behalf of ameliorations in the law of evidence for the benefit of the poor Indians,—and tendering His Excellency's sincere thanks, for the zeal evinced by me for the welfare of the Colony generally and the Western District in particular, and expressing a desire to hear further from me on similar subjects.

17. N. B. Unfortunately all the original correspondence, and other documents, 9 in number, connected with that important subject, the amendment of the Law of Evidence for the benefit of the Indians, were lost, having been handed over to the late Doctor Dunlop, M. P. P. for Huron to be referred to on bringing the matter forward in Parliament; but some how, mislaid, before he had an opportunity for making use of them, and this the more to be regretted, the object being known to have been favorably regarded by the Governor General, notwithstanding the adverse opinion by the then Law Officers of the Crown.

18. Letter from Mr. Sec. Higginson, dated 23rd Feb., 1844, acknowledging with Governor's thanks receipt of additional papers strongly testifying to my public spirited exertions for the prosperity of the Western District.

19. Letter from Mr. Sec. Higginson, dated 20th June, 1844, thanking me, from the Governor General, for suggestions contained in letters dated 1st and 10th of June, and assuring me that they would engage the Governor General's, and Government's attention.

20, and 21. Do., do., dated 16th Feb., and 16th Aug., 1845, in reply to *letters expressing my desire for employment under Government*,—informing me that my wish had been duly noted, and regretting that the facility of gratifying it was not equal to His Excellency's inclination; but that I was fully aware of the will.

22. Copy of letter to Lord Cathcart (Governor General) dated July 1846, *reiterating my wish for public employment*, accompanied by a long list of Testimonials of various kinds added to an unsolicited particular personal introduction to His Excellency by a mutual friend in England.

23. Two letters, from Mr. Sec. Daley, dated 27th Aug., 1846, and 20th Feby. 1847, (the latter during the Government of Lord Elgin) twice informing me that *my name had been noted, as a Candidate for public employment.*

24, 25, and 26. Three strong letters,—with an appropriate memorandum appended to each,—addressed by me to Lord Elgin (besides various others to Mr. Secretary Campbell) dated 2d. April, 2d. May, and 24th May 1847, on the then momentous subject of *Immigration*, written before and during the visitation of the awfully fatal epidemic among the emigrants during that season, followed up by my expressing my willingness to take charge of the Montreal Emigrant Agency, at the very moment that the desolating pestilence had numbered the late worthy holder of the office among its victims.

27. Two notes from the Honorable W. Morris (Receiver General) dated 12th Feby. and 30th July 1847, stating that he had (twice) mentioned my name favorably to Lord Elgin, and in the latter instance, as a proper person to take charge of the Montreal Emigrant Agency, vice Mr. Yarwood, deceased.

28, 29, and 30. Three letters addressed to Lord Elgin and Mr. Sec. Campbell (besides other correspondence with the latter) dated 17th July, and 18th Aug., 1847, advertising to rumors of the *intended completion of department of Adjutant General of Militia*,—reiterating *my desire for public employment, and offering myself as a Candidate for office in a Branch of the public service, so congenial to an old officer*, and referring to the many Testimonials in my favor.

31. Letter to the Gov. General, dated 11th March, 1848, advertising to renewed rumors *regarding completion of Staff of Militia Department and (as strengthening former appeals to His Excellency for employment in that Department,) referring to a flattering spontaneous memorial in my favor, unexpectedly transmitted to the Governor in my favor by the leading inhabitants of the Western District.*

32. Letter from the Hon. Mr. Sullivan, Provincial Secretary, dated 14th April 1848, acknowledging letter apprising him of my being a Candidate for office in the Department of Adj't Gen'l of Militia.

33. Memorial addressed to the Governor General, in Council, dated 28th July, 1851, praying to be appointed to one of the newly created offices of Inspector of Prisons, referring to various documents on public record, indicating my fitness for such an office; besides,

34. Copy of a Digested Code of Prison Regulations, for adoption in the Jail at Sandwich, framed by me so far back as 1842, when Chairman of the Quarter Sessions, after being at the trouble and expense of visiting the prisons at Toronto and Kingston for the purpose of acquiring the best information on the subject.

35. Letter to His Excellency, the present Governor General, (prefixed at length to this List,) dated 26th March, 1855, referring to *former vain appeals for employment, and offering myself as a candidate for the congenial office of Inspecting Field Officer of Militia.*

36. Do., to Sir Allan McNab, (to whom I am well known,) of same date, privately informing him of my having done so, and trans-

mitting a copy of my letter to the Governor General for his private information.

37. Do., to Sir Allan McNab, dated 31st March, written at his particular suggestion, announcing myself to him officially, as a candidate for the office in question.

38. Letter to Sir Allan McNab, dated 3d April, advertizing to *letter from Gen. Rowan in my favor*, and guarding him against malicious reports regarding the spirit in which I resigned the Sheriffship. and Colonelcy of Militia.

39. Sir Allan McNab's reply, dated 11th April, (given above in full,) promising to do all for me in his power, and suggesting the transmission to him of whatever documents I might think likely to strengthen my application, to be appended to my Official Letter.

41. Letter to Sir A. McNab, dated 21st April, 1855, transmitting various Testimonials, and among them a small MSS. volume, consisting of a *Sketch of various improvements in the published INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE LIGHT INFANTRY DRILL, of the British Army*, submitted by me to the Adjutant General as far back as 1829,—and much approved of by Sir Herbert Taylor, (then Adjutant General,) as vouched by an Autograph Letter appended thereto.

42. Letter to Sir Allen M'Nab, dated 17th May, 1855, reminding him of my readiness to furnish other testimonials, if required, particularly relative to my services during the "Troubles" in 1837-8, and congratulating him on the passing of the General Drainage Association Bill, as singularly coinciding with my patriotic efforts in behalf of the same object in the Western District, aiming at the redemption of about a million of acres of land in that district alone.

43. Letter to Lord Sec. Bury, dated 23d May, 1855, referring to a late proposition to the Canadian Government by the Rt. Hon., the Secretary at War, for conferring grants of fifty acres of land on officers and soldiers of the Foreign Legion;—and taking the opportunity of submitting for the Governor General's perusal, copy of *my plan for raising an active adjunct to the Sedentary Militia*, (a copy of which was forwarded to the Secretary at War in 1839,) as holding out the same provision for members of that force, but with this marked distinction, that my plan aimed at a local patriotic object, combined with a benefit to our own countrymen, instead of to foreigners, as now proposed.

44. Two letters to Lord Bury, dated 15th June, and 3d July, inquiring whether various, to me important and valued, documents, intrusted to the care of Sir Allen M'Nab, (he having gone to England) were so situated as to be readily referred to by the Governor General; and adding extract of a late letter from Col. Prince, who had been a witness of my patriotic exertions in very critical times.

45. Letter to Col. Baron De Rottenburg, dated 15th August, 1855, (in consequence of no reply being received to the two foregoing, and it having been notified by circular that all future correspondence connected with Militia matters was to take place through the Adjutant General) begging information regarding the documents above alluded to,—and adding my belief that I had been strongly recommended to the Governor General by Lieut. General Rowan.

46. Letter from do., dated 29th. August, apprising me of his having received from Lord Bury, all the papers belonging to me in his possession, but that the only *original* documents in the list was a letter to His Excellency from General Rowan.

47. Letter from Baron De Rottenburg, dated 18th September, 1855, acknowledging letters of 8th and 17th Sept., and inclosures; and expressing his Excellency's thanks for the perusal of the MSS. Drill Book, assuring me that he would give my claims and services due consideration.

48. Letter to Baron Rottenburg, dated 16th Oct. 1855, expressing an anxious desire, if not then too late, to add to the documents in my favor a reference to various leading individuals in Toronto, who had been long aware of my exertions in behalf of the country.

49. Memorandum rec'd from Col. De Rottenburg, transmitting part of my missing documents, as having, strange to say, turned up in the *BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE* instead of the *Office of the late Premier*!

50. Private letter to His Excellency, the Governor General, dated 24th Dec., 1855, making, as a last effort, an *urgent appeal to His Excellency's feelings as a parent*, prompted by the very reduced state of my pecuniary circumstances; and confessing, that should my claims upon the Government be now passed over, I should be reluctantly compelled to seek an asylum in a foreign land.

51. Letter from His Excellency, the Governor General, dated 27th Dec., 1855, stating, that though regretting the position of my private affairs, the disposal of the appointment sought by me, would not, consistent with his duty, be affected by such considerations!

52. Letter from Col. De Rottenburg, dated 20th Feb., 1856, transmitting copy of a communication just received from Warden of the County of Essex, alluding in highly complimentary terms to my patriotic exertions during my ten years residence in the Western District, being the last public Testimonial that had been received by me.

53. Letter from Sir Allan Mc Nab, dated 18th Jan., 1856, assuring me that the correspondence to which I had referred, and which he had not forgotten, had all been laid before the Governor General, previous to his departure for Europe.

It is only necessary to add, in conclusion, that the Farewell Letter to His Excellency, the Governor General, given at length in this Paper, was promptly acknowledged through Mr. Secretary Pennefather; but that that to the late Premier still remains unanswered.

R. LACHLAN.

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